THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Actual distribution of foodgrains under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during 1991-92 was 31200 MTS and not 17000 MTS. The foodgrains allocated/utilised under JRY during the last three years is as under :—

Year	Foodgrains (In MTS) Allocated	Utilised
1989-90	671777	469812
1990-91	363308	126298
1991-92	301550	31200

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The distribution of foodgrains under JRY was made optional during 1989-90 and this had resulted in the reduction of off-take. However, from the year 1992-93, it has been decided that the foodgrains should invariably be given as part of wages under JRY in view of its sustained benefits to the rural poor and there should not be any option in this regard. So, foodgrains are now required to be distributed to the workers engaged under the Yojana at the rate of 2 kgs. per manday. Accordingly, a total quantity of twelve lakhs MTs of foodgrains have been allocated to different States/UTs during the current year for distribution under JRY.

Refusal by France to Supply Enriched Uranium and Transfer of Rocket Technology

1587. SHRI B. K. HARI PRASAD :

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that France has refused to supply enriched uranium and transfer of rocket technology to India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have since taken any alternative steps to meet the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM (a) On the supply of nuclear fuel to Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS), the French position is that while it would abide by its present contractual obligations which are valid till 1993, supply of nuclear fuel to TAPS beyond 1993 would be on the condition of India accepting full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards. As regards transfer of rocket technology to India, the Department of Space/ Indian Space Research Organisation has not sought any specific rocket technology transfer from France. Hence, the question of France refusing to transfer rocket technology to India does not arise.

(b) Since 1991, France had decided on fullscope IAEA safeguards as a condition for future nuclear cooperation, which would cover projects of bilateral cooperation.

(c) and (d) Mixed Oxide (MOX) fuel has been produced by the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) on experimental basis which can be used in TAPS in the absence of enriched uranium. It is also possible to provide enriched uranium for TAPS based on indigenous technology developed in BARC.